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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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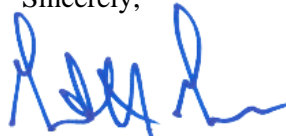
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (MOHSEP) to reduce the risk of flooding along South Flannery Road and Lively Bayou in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is MOHSEP, located at 3773 Harding Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70807. This funding would be used to meet the goals of the Stafford Act by reducing the risk to individuals and property from future natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding when future disasters occur.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018. Section 203 authorizes funding assistance to States and local governments pursuant to the uses outlined in subsection (e), including "to implement pre-disaster hazard mitigation measures that are cost-effective." This project is designed to mitigate disastrous flooding from future storm events and has a BCA score that is 2.70, more than the required score under the Act. Therefore, it meets both the pre-disaster mitigation and cost-effective requirements of the Act.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Garret Graves
Member of Congress